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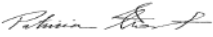
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 24, 2018

**To:** Contra Costa EMS System Community Hospitals and Emergency Departments

**FROM:** Pat Frost, EMS Director 

**SUBJECT:** ePOLST Registry Pilot in Contra Costa County is Live: What You Need to Know (18-MEMO-002)

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The **California ePOLST Registry Pilot** is now live in Contra Costa County as of April 10, 2018. Alliance EMS ambulance personnel are using the new technology authorized by California [Senate Bill 19](#). The project is a joint effort of the [California Emergency Medical Services Authority \(EMSA\)](#), the [California Health Care Foundation](#), and the [Coalition for Compassionate Care of California \(CCCC\)](#).

**Who is involved in the Contra Costa County Pilot?** The Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) is the project manager working with the Contra Costa County EMS Agency, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and American Medical Response (AMR) – Contra Costa to pilot this project. Vynca, Inc. is the eRegistry technology partner. Due to the limited scope of this pilot, only one platform for Electronic Healthcare Records (EHRs) was adopted; therefore, Moraga Orinda Fire Department and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District are not participating in this pilot.

**How are field personnel accessing the ePOLST Registry?** EMS personnel have access to the ePOLST Registry via MEDS. The EHR integration has been designed by the project technology partner Vynca Inc.

**Where can I find the EMS Agency guidance on ePOLST Registry use?** The guidance for use can be found at <http://cchealth.org/ems/pdf/Memo-18-MEMO-001-ePOLST-Registry-Pilot.pdf>

**How many POLST forms are available through the ePOLST Registry?** Over 200,000 patient POLST forms have been uploaded to the ePOLST registry by Sutter Health Care System from throughout the state. In addition 200 POLST forms from Long Term Care Facilities within Contra Costa are also available. From April 2018 through the end of the year many more forms may become available as more health care facilities join the platform.



**How does this affect patient care in the field?** If an ePOLST form is made available through a query of the ePOLST registry it is used in the same way as if a hardcopy form is available. If a hardcopy POLST is produced on scene, EMS personnel have been encouraged to query the ePOLST registry to determine if the hardcopy POLST has been updated. This verification should never impede direct patient care. Once a POLST has been verified, EMS personnel shall follow Policy 1003-Do Not Resuscitate Orders <http://cchealth.org/ems/pdf/2018-policies/Policy%201003.pdf>

**Do hospitals have access to the ePOLST registry?** Contra Costa based hospitals are at various stages of building ePOLST registry access into their medical record systems.

**So what is next?** The local POLST pilot team will be monitoring the use of this technology and that data will be reported to EMSA.

**Where can I learn more?** EMS System stakeholders can use the ePOLST Registry Pilot Toolkit to learn more about the eRegistry Pilot at <http://capolst.org/registry-pilot/toolkit/>

